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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR FUTURE NMA PROGRAMS

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1. DEPT. SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY REFERENCE TO REALIGNMENT OF USG STRUCTURE FOR COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION DESCRIBED REPAIR. AS IN ALL OTHER PROGRAMS USG, DEPT. HAS ALWAYS LOOKED TO EMBASSY AS LOGICAL NEGOTIATOR WITH SPANISH AUTHORITIES ON NMA PROGRAMS.

WE HAD ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT PAO WAS PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN THIS TASK, ASSISTED BY OTHER MEMBERS EMBASSY STAFF (PERMANENT OR TDY) AS DESIRABLE.

2. ALONG SAME LINES, SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS ARE PRESUMABLY CARRIED OUT WITHIN FRAMEWORK DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND ARE AD REFERENDUM TO DEPT. BEFORE FINAL AGREEMENT. AS REPAIR CORRECTLY POINTS OUT, ASST- SEC. (CU) RICHARDSON HAS BEEN DESIGNATED USG COORDINATOR FOR THIS PROJECT AND LOOKS TO HIS PROGRAM OFFICER FOR SPAIN (SEAN HOLLY) AS PRIMARY ADVISOR. WE ASSUME THAT AS IS NORMAL PRACTICE, DEPT. MAY WISH AT APPROPRIATE TIME TO SEND HOLLY (OR OTHER OFFICER) TO MADRID TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS IF THIS DESIRABLE AND THAT

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AT SUCH TIME HE WOULD BECOME FULL MEMBER OF EMBASSY'S

NEGOTIATING TEAM.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS COINCIDES WITH EMBASSY VIEW. KISSINGER

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